



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Project No. 7887-018]**

### **Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process**

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process
- b. Project No.: 7887-018
- c. Date Filed: June 30, 2021
- d. Submitted By: Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc. (ARH)
- e. Name of Project: Minnewawa Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On Minnewawa Brook in Cheshire County, New Hampshire. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR §§ 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Robert E. King, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc., 42 Hurricane Road, Keene, NH 03431; phone at (603) 352-3444; e-mail at [bking31415@gmail.com](mailto:bking31415@gmail.com)
- i. FERC Contact: Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131; or e-mail at [stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov](mailto:stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov)
- j. ARH filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on June 30, 2021, and provided public notice of its request on August 21, 2021. In a letter dated September 30, 2021, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved ARH's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR § 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer, as required

by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR § 800.2.

- l. On June 30, 2021, ARH filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- m. A copy of the PAD may be viewed and/or printed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).
- n. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 7887. Pursuant to 18 CFR § 16.20, each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by June 30, 2024.
- o. Register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: September 30, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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